Bunches Bend Protection District Meeting Minutes 3/20/2015

11 a.m. Brister and Brister Law office

Minutes recorded. Meeting called to order by President Tap Parker. Commissioners present Tap Parker, Steve Brown, Ken Jenkins, David Oswalt. Absent Teddy Schneider and Chad Arey. Also present was Andy Brister and Andre Wright.

David Oswalt made a motion to approve minutes of 11/14/2014 meeting. Seconded by Ken Jenkins.

Steve Brown gave an updated financial report of the district. The commissioners reviewed the financial report of the current year. Also noted that as of March 19, 2015 all dirt had been paid for and bills are current which left a balance of \$168, 080.71 in the Delta Bank Ad Valorem account.

It is noted that Ken Jenkins has been appointed as a commissioner of the BBPD. Ed Patrick was present to propose that the district consider paying for 1.42 acre bar pit border. Steve Brown made a motion for the district to pay Hopewell Riverside LLC \$3,500 per acre for 1.42 acres totaling \$4,970. Seconded by Ken Jenkins.

Levee Maintenance Contract: The commissioners reviewed the bids presented by Rig Masters and Creech and Sons Mowing Company. Steve Brown made a motion to enter into contract with Creech and Sons Mowing for one year. Mark Brown is to clarify certain issues such as leaving the new grass taller on the rebuilt levee. Seconded by Ken Jenkins.

Repair of levee at old river landing: Steve Brown made a motion to approve \$28,000 for the repair of the levee at the old river landing. Seconded by Ken Jenkins.

The hiring of someone to clear along tow of levee for better maintenance. The district is to work through Creech and Sons. A separate contract will be needed for the clearing of the tow. Ken Jenkins made a motion not to exceed \$12,000 for levee clearing expenses. It was seconded by Steve Brown.

Deer stands on levee: East Carroll Parish Police Jury have agreed to have stands moved. They need to be notified within two weeks of mowing. Then the contractor can move the stands.

Ribbon cutting ceremony: Two dates have tentatively been set for June 22 or August 7. Andy Brister and Connie Gardner will be coordinating with Michelle Ribera of the LA Department of Agriculture. Any cost associated with the event will be paid for by individuals not the district.

Public announcement: BBPD will meet on May 1, 2015 to adopt 2015 millage rates.

Ethic issues: CLE hours should be completed by 12/31/2015. Also by 5/15/2015 a personal financial disclosure statement has to be completed by commissioners who served in the calendar year prior to 2015.

Other business: Andy Brister and Connie Gardner were dismissed due to conflict counsel. The ECPPJ has received the letter from our outside counsel. Tap Parker plans to meet with Joseph Jackson and Lee Denny at some point.

David Oswalt made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Ken Jenkins.